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Rural Healthcare Pilot Program

Report for Rural Healthcare Consortium of Alabama, HCP # 17249

The Rural Healthcare Consortium of Alabama did not participate in the 2007 Funding of the program due to the actions of two member organizations of obtaining Internet access through the actions of their respective parent organizations. The acquisition of Internet access without the proper bidding process as outlined by the program. Since the original proposal was based on the participation in the pilot program was predicated on the participation of four rural hospitals, the remaining qualifying properties; Roanoke Medical Center and Washington County Hospitals decided to postpone their respective applications for bidding of services until two items, the arrangement of an additional rural hospital to replace the two disqualifying sites and the commencement of Funding Year 2008.

A request was made, via e-mail to roll over funding for the Rural Healthcare Consortium of Alabama until a third member was established. The addition of Clay County Hospital will permit the Consortium to apply for funding of Internet Services in Funding Year 2008. A filing of the respective Form 465 and associated material is anticipated in August of 2008.

Respectfully submitted by Carson Holbrook, designated coordinator for the Rural Health Care Consortium of Alabama.